



April 2, 2009

The Honorable Edolphus Towns
U.S. House of Representatives
10th Congressional District of New York
2232 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 734 - SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Towns:

On behalf of the California State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind (Board), we would like to express our **SUPPORT** for H.R. 734. The Board looks forward to the prospects of a national vehicle safety standard to alert blind and other pedestrians of hybrid motor vehicle operation as well as finding a solution to the sound challenges presented by hybrid vehicles for visually impaired pedestrians.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact me at (916) 574-7825.

Sincerely,

Antonette Sorrick

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